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MR. SPEAKER : I rule that this is not a matter of urgent public importance.

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I now understand from the hon. Member that a case in respect of this incident is pending in a Court of law. Therefore I would request the Press not to publish and give publicity to the statements made on the floor of the Assembly.

MR. SPEAKER : The Press will kindly take note of this.

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Whenever a member raises an adjournment motion, he may please say whether he knows that any case in respect of the subject-matter of the motion is pending in a Court of law. Otherwise this aspect is likely to be overlooked.

(2) HARASSMENT OF HILL TRIBES ON THE KOLLI HILLS.

MR. SPEAKER : I have received notice of another adjournment motion from the hon. Member Sri K. V. Ramaswami. The motion reads as follows :—

"This House stands adjourned to discuss a matter of urgent public importance, viz., the failure of the Government and the police in Sendamangalam in Namakkal taluk of Salem district to protect the hill tribes of Kolli Hills from the brutal attack by the Goondas and unsocial elements instigated and engaged by some money-lenders and merchants, in spite of complaints."

This will be taken up to-morrow.

IV.—GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION.

FORMATION OF A BRANCH OF THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION.

10-20 a.m. * THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I move—

"That a branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association be formed for the Legislature of Madras and the Secretary to the State Legislature be authorized to take necessary steps for organizing and affiliating the branch to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association."

A note has been circulated to the members explaining what the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association stands for and what the benefits are that we will be deriving by joining the Association and giving other details. As a matter of fact, this matter has been before the Government for a pretty long time. I have been postponing it because I was not quite enthusiastic about it. But this matter was discussed in a joint meeting of the Speaker of the Assembly, the Chairman of the Council, and Party leaders belonging to this House and to the Council and a decision had been taken